

MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the means for generating the correlation information~~ isgenerates identification information by which a plurality of the operation terminals under connection can individually be identified ~~as the correlation information~~.

4. (Amended) The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the means for generating the correlation information~~ generates information which can be displayed on a display unit ~~onprovided to~~ each of the operation terminals ~~as the correlation information~~.

10. (Amended) The method for processing information according to Claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

initializing a table in which a at least a subset of the plurality of said operation terminals are entered;

detecting any operation terminal not unlisted in the table;

entering such unlisted operation terminal into the table; and

generating correlation information for the operation terminals entered into the table and outputting such correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

11. (Amended) The method for processing information according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of selectively deleting from the table any operation terminal with which ~~the communication~~ was ~~id~~ not established.

12. (Amended) An operation terminal device connectable ~~connected to an~~ predetermined information processing device and ~~is~~ capable of receiving ~~operating~~ information ~~from~~ handled by such information processing device, comprising:

means for providing a display visually recognizable by an ~~the~~ operator; and

means for receiving at least correlation information expressing the correlation between the operator and information operable by such operator among all information handled by the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the ~~means for providing display~~.

13. (Amended) The operation terminal device according to Claim 12, wherein the correlation information is identification information by which ~~a plurality of the operation terminals under connection~~ device can individually be identified.

15. (Amended) An operation terminal device ~~connectable~~ connected to an ~~predetermined~~ information processing device and ~~is capable of receiving information from handled by~~ such information processing device, comprising:

a ~~unit for providing display; visually recognizable by the operator; and~~

a ~~unit for receiving~~ receiver operable to receive at least correlation information expressing the correlation between ~~an~~ the operator and information operable by such operator among all information handled by the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the ~~unit for providing display~~.

21. (Amended) An information communication system, ~~which comprises~~ including a plurality of operation terminal devices ~~connected to~~ and an information processing device ~~capable of connecting a plurality of such operation terminal devices, for effecting information communication between the operation terminal devices and the information processing device,~~

~~wherein the information processing device further~~ comprising:

means for generating correlation information expressing the correlation between each of the plurality of

operation terminal devices and information operable therethrough;
and

means for outputting said correlation information
to the operation terminal devices,

the operation terminal devices further comprising:

means for providing display visually recognizable
by the operator; and

means for receiving at least correlation
information output from the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed
on the means for providing display of the operation terminals.

24. (Amended) An information communication system,
~~which comprises~~including a plurality of operation terminal
devices connected to ~~and an~~ information processing device ~~capable~~
~~of connecting a plurality of such operation terminals,~~ for
effecting information communication between the operation
terminal devices and the information processing device,

~~wherein the~~ information processing device ~~further~~
comprising:

a unit for generating correlation information
expressing the correlation between each of the plurality of
operation terminal devices and information operable therethrough;
and

a unit for outputting the correlation information
to the operation terminal devices,

each of the operation terminal devices further
comprising:

a unit for providing display visually recognizable
by the operator; and

a unit for receiving at least correlation
information output from the information processing device;

wherein the correlation information is displayed on the unit for providing display of the operation terminal devices.

31. (Amended) A recording medium storing a processing program, wherein the processing program ~~comprising~~ comprises the steps of:

generating correlation information expressing the correlation between a plurality of operation terminals and information operable therethrough; and

outputting the correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

35. (Amended) A processing program according to Claim 31, the processing program further comprising the steps of:

initializing a table in which a plurality of the operation terminals are entered;

detecting any operation terminal not unlisted in the table;

entering such unlisted operation terminal into the table; and

generating correlation information for the operation terminals entered into the table and outputting such correlation information to the corresponding operation terminals.

36. (Amended) A processing program according to Claim 35, the program further comprising the step of selectively deleting from the table any operation terminal with which the communication was~~did~~ not established.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 10 to 13, 15, 21, 24, 31, 35 and 36 have been amended. Claims 25 to 30 have been canceled. Claims 1 to 24 and 31 to 36 are now in this case.

Entry of the above-noted amendments prior to the examination of this application is respectfully requested. The amendments to the specification are for correcting typographical and/or grammatical errors found therein, and to place the specification in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The amendments to the claims are solely for the purpose of clarifying the subject matter of applicant's invention, and are not intended to narrow the scope of any claims or for any purpose related to patentability. Applicant submits that none of the amendments to the claims enter any new matter into the application.

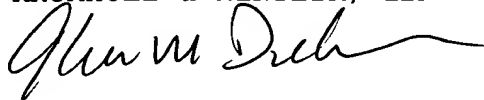
If, for any reason, the Examiner believes the entry of these amendments cannot be made at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's undersigned counsel at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any such objection the Examiner may have.

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No fees are believed necessary for this amendment. However, if there are any fees to be incurred in connection herewith, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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